

## Children's Responses to Going to School in India Mini Books



"My parents used to send me to school but I used pick waste and sell it to earn some money. After I read these books I decided that I will come regularly to school from now on. Just like the children in these books who come to school even on a wheelchair."

(Going to School on Wheels)

Laxmi Saura, age 11, Bilaspur, Madhya Pradesh

"Haider's friends go to his house and bring him to school everyday. From now on I will also help my friends come to school, especially those who have some physical disability. I will also encourage children in my neighborhood to go to school."

(Going to School on Wheels)

Maheshwari Saura, age 12, Bilaspur, Madhya Pradesh

"Children in this story go to school at night because they don't have time during the day. We have time all day and still don't go to school or come back early. We should go to school everyday."

(Going to School in the Dark)

Pooni Saura, age 9, Bilaspur, Madhya Pradesh

"The people in this book are from the fishing community and they have faith in all religions and don't discriminate between religions, we should also be like them."

(Going to School by the Sea)

Dharma Saura, age 12, Bilaspur, Madhya Pradesh

"The children in the platform school learn with puppets, they have so much fun and understand everything. I wish they would teach with puppets in our school too then we would also enjoy school and understand everything."

(Going to School on a Station Platform)

Arjun Saura, age 11, Bilaspur, Madhya Pradesh

"When I grow up I want to teach children on the station platform and tell them about other important things in this world."

(Going to School on a Station Platform)

Shivani Dutta, age 11, Noida, Uttar Pradesh



“When I grow up I want to open a school for disabled children like Haider and teach them skills that can help them earn money. So that they don’t have to be dependent on others and their parents would be proud of them.

(Going to School on Wheels)

Ajay Verma, age 13, Noida, Uttar Pradesh

“After we read this book we made our own set of picture cards and have started using them in school.”

(Going to School on a Mountain Top)

Neetu, age 12, Bialspur, Madhya Pradesh

“I was very inspired by reading these books. I want to teach children and young girls in my locality without charging anything from them. So that they can read important documents and papers without any difficulty and can sign their own names. I know this will not be an easy thing to do but I will work hard and try to do the best I can.”

(All the books in the series)

Rekha Rani, age 15, Noida, Uttar Pradesh

“I will tell my teachers and school Principal to start a school parliament in my school like the one in the Mango Tree story. The children learnt so much from the parliament I want to learn in the same way.

(Going to School Under a Mango Tree)

Dhaneshwari, age 13, Bilaspur, Madhya Pradesh